



Problem-Solving Courts Committee
Education Subcommittee Meeting

March 14, 2008
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Conference call

Minutes

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Members participating included Judge Conn, Sheila Hudson, Don Travis and Paul Southwick. IJC staff members participating were Mary Kay Hudson and Jamie Bergacs.

II. Review of minutes from last meeting

Members reviewed and approved the minutes from the meeting held on January 18, 2008.

III. Annual PSC conference updates

○ Dates

It was reported that the workshop dates will be October 1-3, 2008.

○ Location

Tentatively the workshop will be held at the Hilton Indianapolis-120 West Market Street, Indianapolis. Mary Kay Hudson reported that the Hilton and IJC are still in contract negotiations.

IV. Annual PSC conference planning

○ Overview of Workshop Survey Results

Jamie Bergacs reviewed the survey results and members were provided a brainstorming grid that IJC staff developed as a result of the survey.

The original brainstorming grid has been updated to include committee members' suggestions stated during this meeting. See attached.

○ Format and length of workshop sessions

The committee confirmed that the workshop will utilize tracks by role as developed at the last meeting (Legal Issues, Community Supervision / Case Management, Treatment, Program Management, Basic Problem Solving Principles)

Most sessions will take place in the form of breakout sessions.

Three possible general session topics were identified:

- 1) The Problem Solving Team: Communication, Roles of the Various Team Members, and Conflict Management
- 2) A Motivational Session
- 3) Sanctions and Incentives

There was discussion surrounding this topic, as some believe that this should be completed as a breakout session. However, it was the one of the most represented training topic on the survey. There was the suggestion that this could benefit from further surveying.

○ Faculty recommendations

Dr. Ruby Payne, “Bridges out of Poverty” - Sheila Hudson stated that she has heard Dr. Payne speak and she is very good.

Milton Creigh, Motivational Speaker

Ken and Kendall “KD” Johnson, Motivational Speakers- Judge Conn suggested the Johnsons. Ken Johnson recently spoke at the Court Alcohol and Drug Program Annual Meeting and was very inspirational.

Participant (Graduate) Panel

The following members agreed to recommend a participant from their jurisdiction:

Don Travis- Juvenile Drug Court

Sheila Hudson- Reentry Court

Paul Southwick-Drug Court

Mary Kay Hudson and Jamie Bergacs to speak with Nancy Gettinger regarding the panel members that spoke at the Indiana Summit on Children.

Nicki Venable and Stephanie Troyer, Motivational Interviewing- Sheila Hudson stated that Nikki and Stephanie (Allen County Community Corrections staff) could provide a 1½ hour MI breakout.

Conflict Resolution Professional- no specific recommendation, however the committee agreed that a professional from this discipline would serve as a valuable resource.

Dr. Wyatt Mullinax- Understanding the 12 Steps. Highly recommended by Sheila Hudson.

Don Travis to speak with colleagues regarding recommendation for faculty for understanding the 12 Steps as well.

Members asked that Jamie Bergacs and Mary Kay Hudson prepare a draft workshop agenda to send to committee members.

V. Skill building training discussion and planning

This agenda item was tabled for a future meeting.

VI. Schedule next meeting date

The next education subcommittee meeting will take place, via conference call, on Friday, April 18, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.